

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this after-allowance amendment. Claims 1, 4, 7, 9, 11, 17-18, 21 and 26-27 were amended to correct clerical errors. Claims 1-27 remain pending in this application.

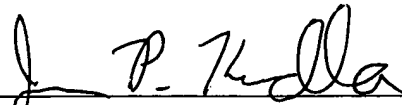
This amendment is required to correct minor clerical errors. Furthermore, this amendment does not require an additional search or examination as the changes merely correct the clerical errors. As the changes are merely clerical, the patentability of the affected claims has not changed. This amendment was not presented earlier as the various, minor clerical errors were not previously noticed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at the number set out below.

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